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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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International
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For : TWO-HYBRID ASSAY THAT DETECTS HIV-1
REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE DIMERIZATION

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING \$371 NATIONAL STAGE
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.53**

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the
above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-41, and 48-59 without disclaimer or
prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of
these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please amend claims 47 and 64 as follows:

A1 47. (Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the HIV-1
reverse transcriptase is present in a subject and the
contacting is effected by administering the compound
to the subject.

A2 64. (Amended) A compound which comprises the compound of
claim 60 and a carrier.

REMARKS

This application is a \$371 national stage of PCT International
Application No. PCT/US01/18339, filed 6 June 2001, designating
the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part
and claiming priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/588,939, filed June
6, 2000. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International